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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Gilberto Calceta, age 41, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, entered his plea of guilty yesterday before Judge Robert G. Doumar, Sr., for his role in conspiring to distribute and possess approximately 44 grams of crystal methamphetamine, commonly referred to as "ice".

Calceta will be sentenced within approximately 90 days. Co-defendants Eugene Velasco Galaty and Joseph Cayanan Javier, previously pled guilty and are scheduled to be sentenced on March 3, 2003.

The investigation of this case began on March 28, 2002, in Northampton County Virginia, when Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Police stopped a van for a traffic violation. Upon receiving consent to search, officers located a small amount of suspected marijuana in the vehicle's ashtray, a glass pipe with residue on it, a Sentry fire safe containing a false bottom container, methamphetamine and various drug paraphernalia. The three occupants of the vehicle, who denied knowledge of the drugs and ownership, were detained and questioned. Two of the occupants agreed to assist with making controlled deliveries of drugs to intended recipients in the Virginia Beach area. One of the recipients, Calceta, was arrested on December 5, 2002, while attempting a pick up.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura Everhart.